I am a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio which I pay a monthly service fee for and went to the expense of purchasing their equipment because the radio stations in the Los Angeles, either owned by Clear Channel or Infinity Broadcasting, do not serve the better interest of their listeners. I got tired of hearing repetitive play lists, which are centrally programmed, on music stations loaded with commercials which for the most part are poorly produced, especially true of KNX news radio.

On the subject of local content, it was a fight between the local TV broadcasters and the cable and satellite providers and the off air broadcaster eventually were able to carry local content which did not, contrary to the TV station owners cries of foul, kill them off (at least not yet). Which by the way are for the most part the very same Clear Channel and Infinity.

I spend almost 3 hours of my day commuting on 3 different freeways, I want to know what is happening on the roads as soon as get in my car so I am able to plan my route. KNX, the station I was getting traffic from, while doing an adaquit job, can only do 2 or 3 minutes at a time. It can take upwards of 18 minutes before I can get the whole picture. XM gives it to me in about 5 minutes total.

One night a couple of weeks ago, it saved me a 3 hour sit on the I-5 when there was a full closure on the north I-5 and the I-14.

I pay for this service and feel I have every right to it. I no longer listen to Los Angeles stations unless there is a major local news event.